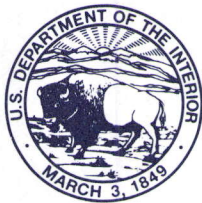


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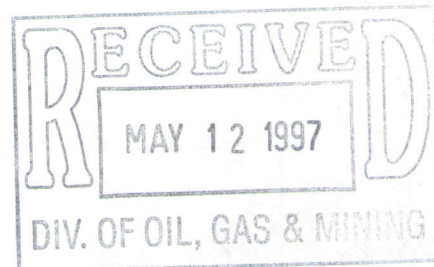
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Salt Lake District Office
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D. Wayne Hedberg
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

We are sending you a copy of a letter we have received that requests a mineral material sale for the Bureau of Land Management. This request is for a sale of clay from the Grouse Creek Junction Community Pit located in T. 9 N., R. 19 W., Section 26 in Box Elder County, Utah. Mr. Pruitt indicates Township 9 South in his letter, but this is a typographic error.

The Memorandum of Understanding between our two agencies does not include actions under our mineral material regulations, but it is our understanding that your agency has regulatory authorities under State law for the kind of development proposed by Mr. Pruitt. We are happy to cooperate with your agency on an informal basis with regard to this permit.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call Phil Allard at (801) 977-4335.

Sincerely,

Margaret Wyatt
Area Manager

Enclosure
As Stated Above

cc: Robert G. Pruitt, III

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Maggie Wyatt, Area Manager
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Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Re: Request for mineral material sale permit

Dear Ms. Wyatt:

This is a request on behalf of my client, Ash Grove Cement Company, to acquire a mineral material sale permit for Section 26, Township Range 9 South, Range 19 West, Box Elder County, Utah. Ash Grove's proposal is to develop the deposit at the rate of 40,000 tons per year, over ten years, with an estimated severance of 400,000 tons during the initial 10 year term. As this proposed sale will exceed 100,00 cubic yards (or weight equivalent), they understand that this sale will be placed for competitive bid in accordance with 43 CFR § 10.3.

In support of this request, and to assist your review of this proposal, please find the following attachments:

1. Regional map showing location of the deposit.
2. A portion of the Lucin NW 7.4' Quad Map showing the location of the deposit.
3. Mining Plan Map showing the initial pit layout.
4. Mining Plan Map showing the sequence of extraction.
5. Mining Plan Map showing the final pit shape.

Under this application, we would like to construct a new access road south from the pit area through the pass and shorten the haul to the main road. We would also like to use the existing road as an alternative haul route.

We propose that a scoping meeting be scheduled with Box Elder County Planning and Zoning so that terms of their conditional use permit required for this operation can be coordinated in the BLM review of the operation. If you have any questions or comments or require anything further to process this request, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Pruitt, III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert G. Pruitt, III

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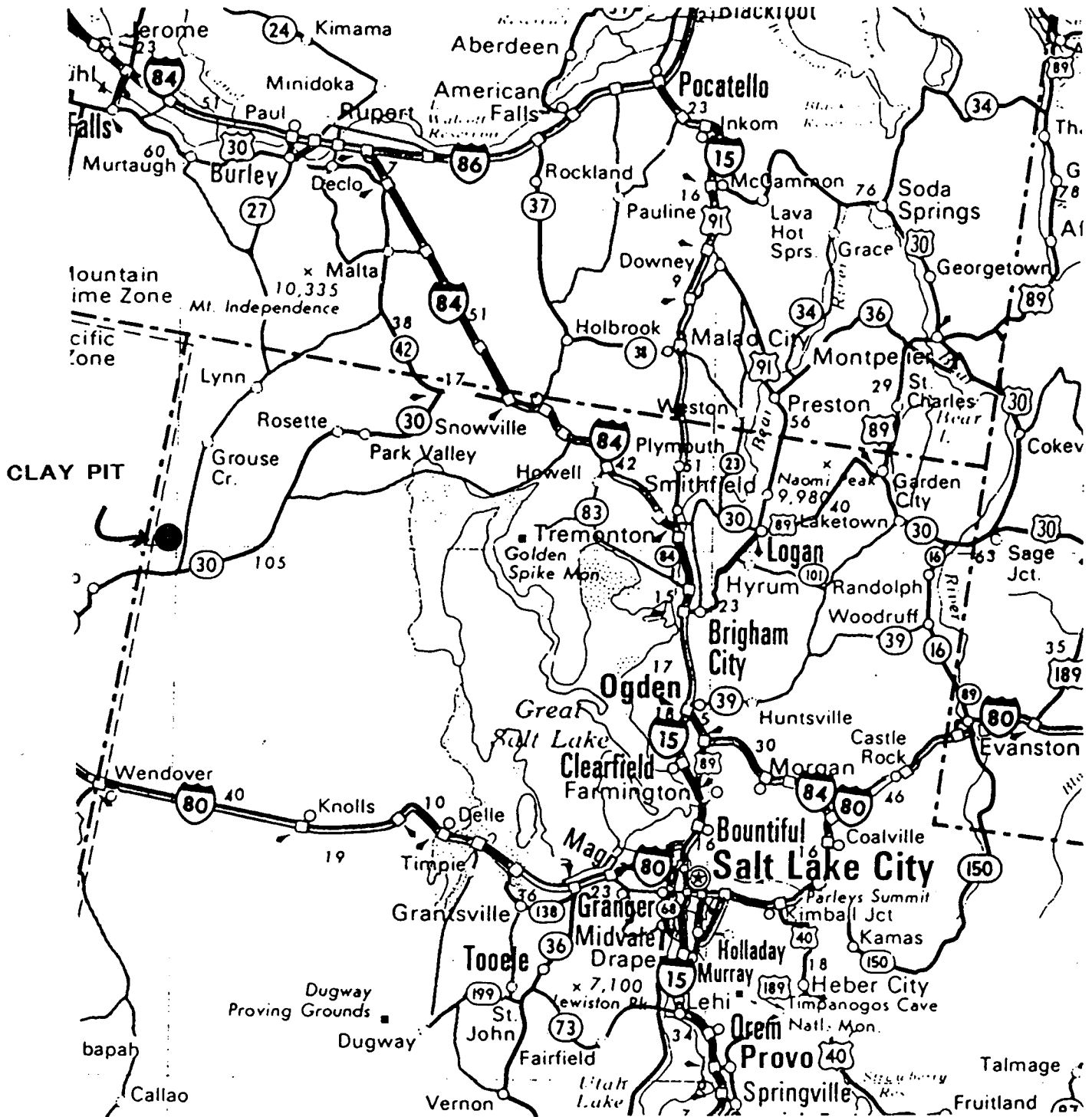
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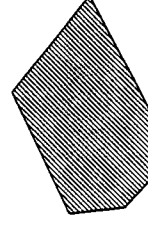
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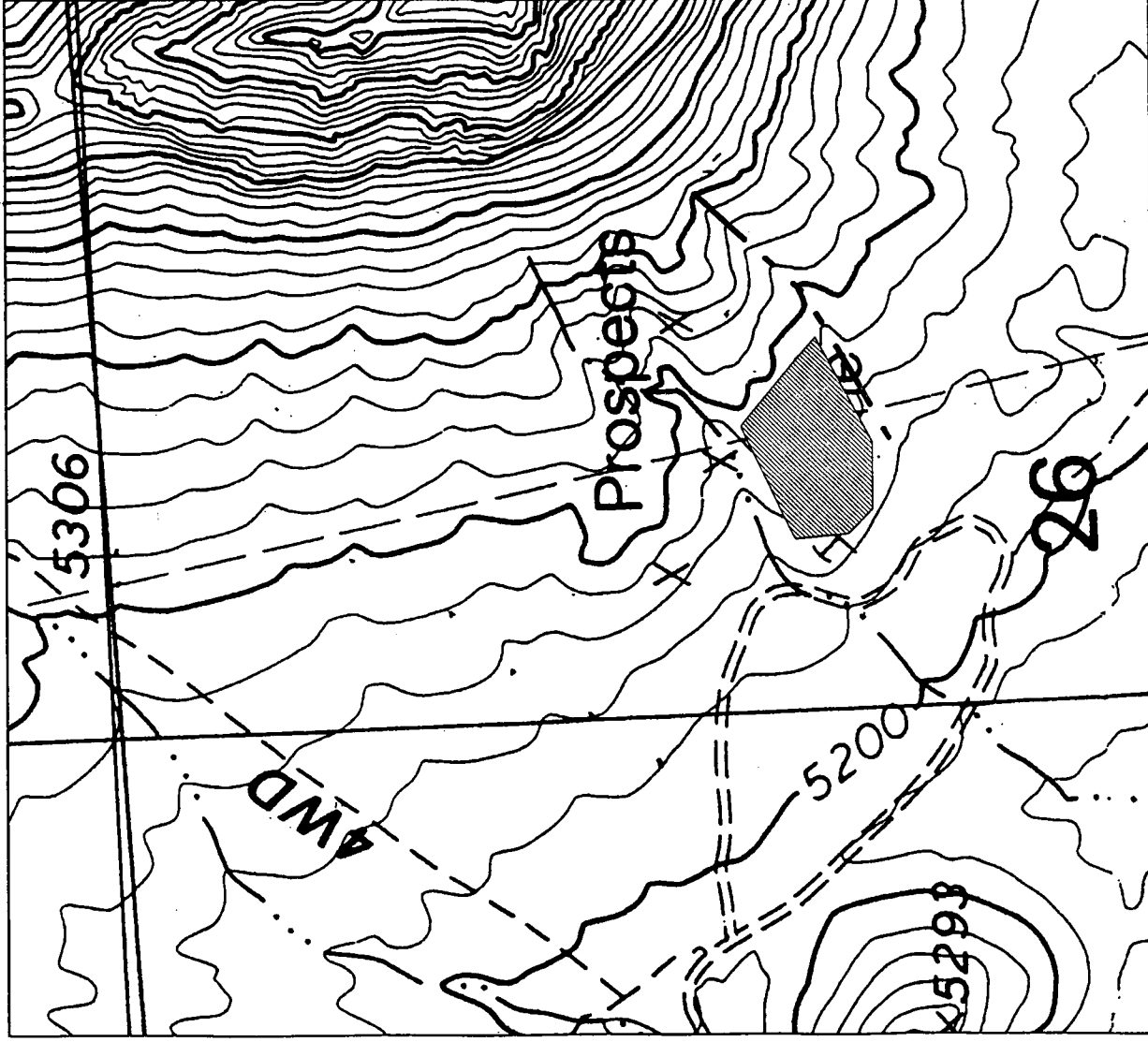
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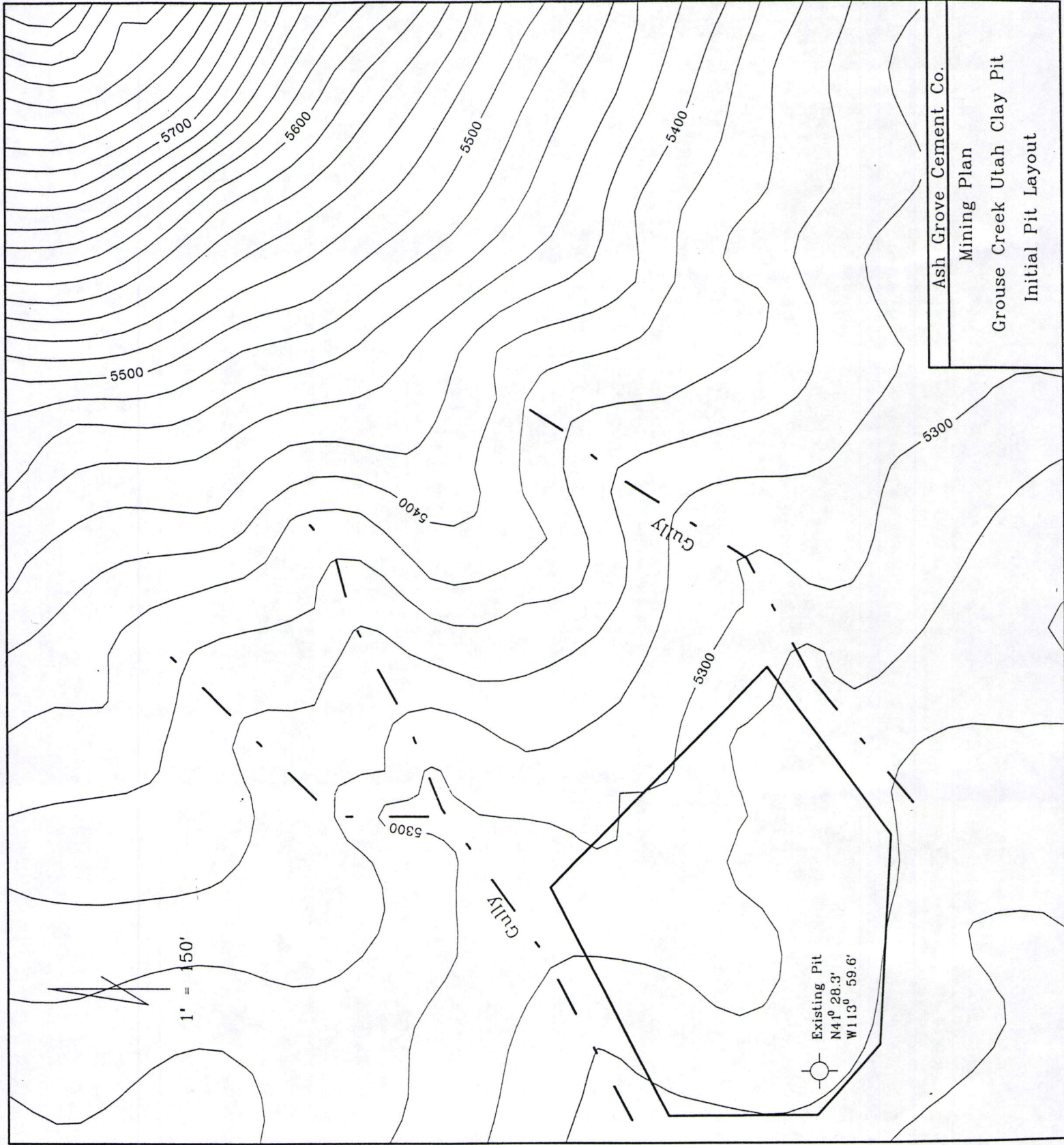
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NW1/4 Section 26 T9N, R19W



Location of Clay Extraction



A portion of the Lucin NW 7.5' Quad Map

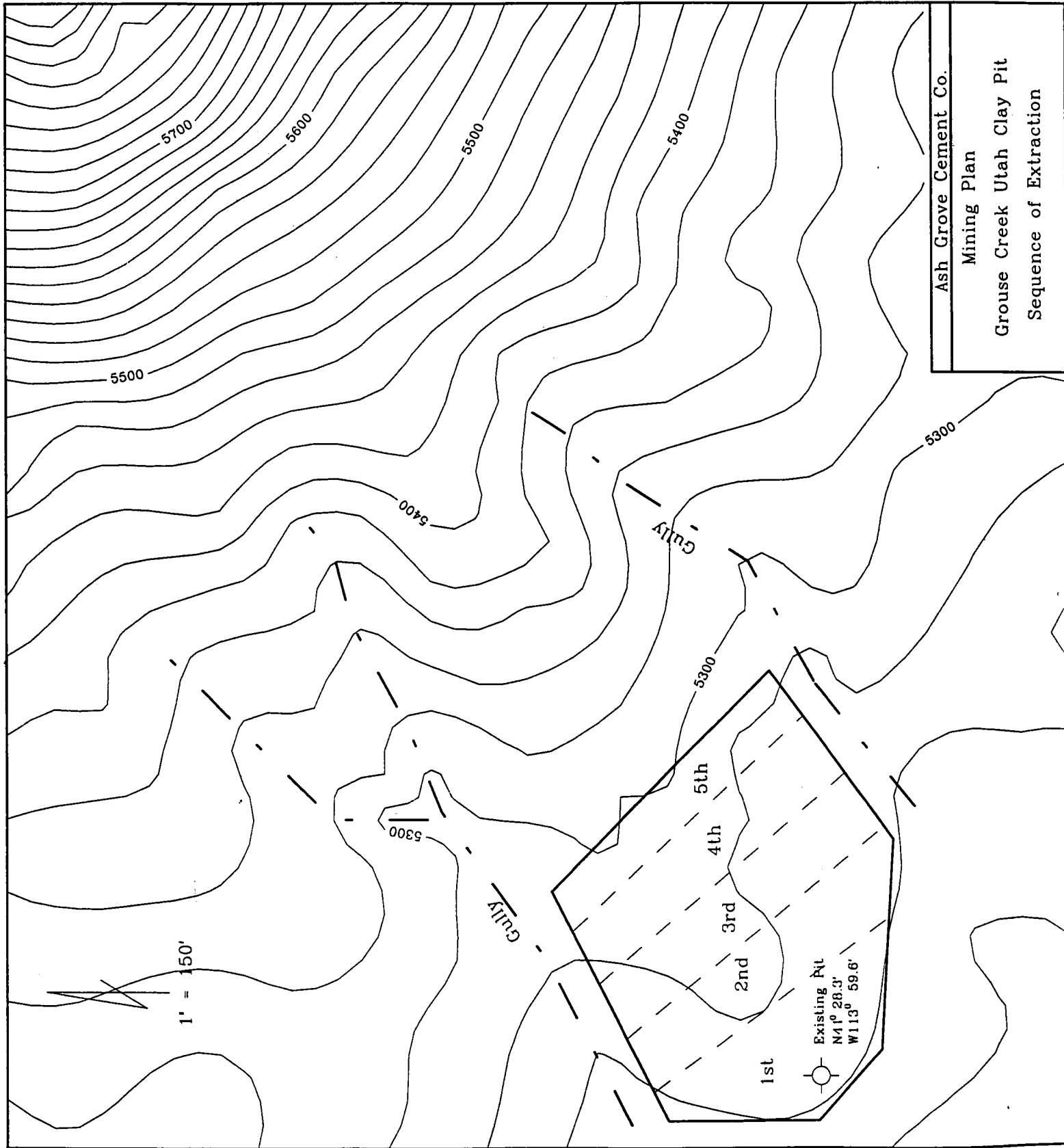


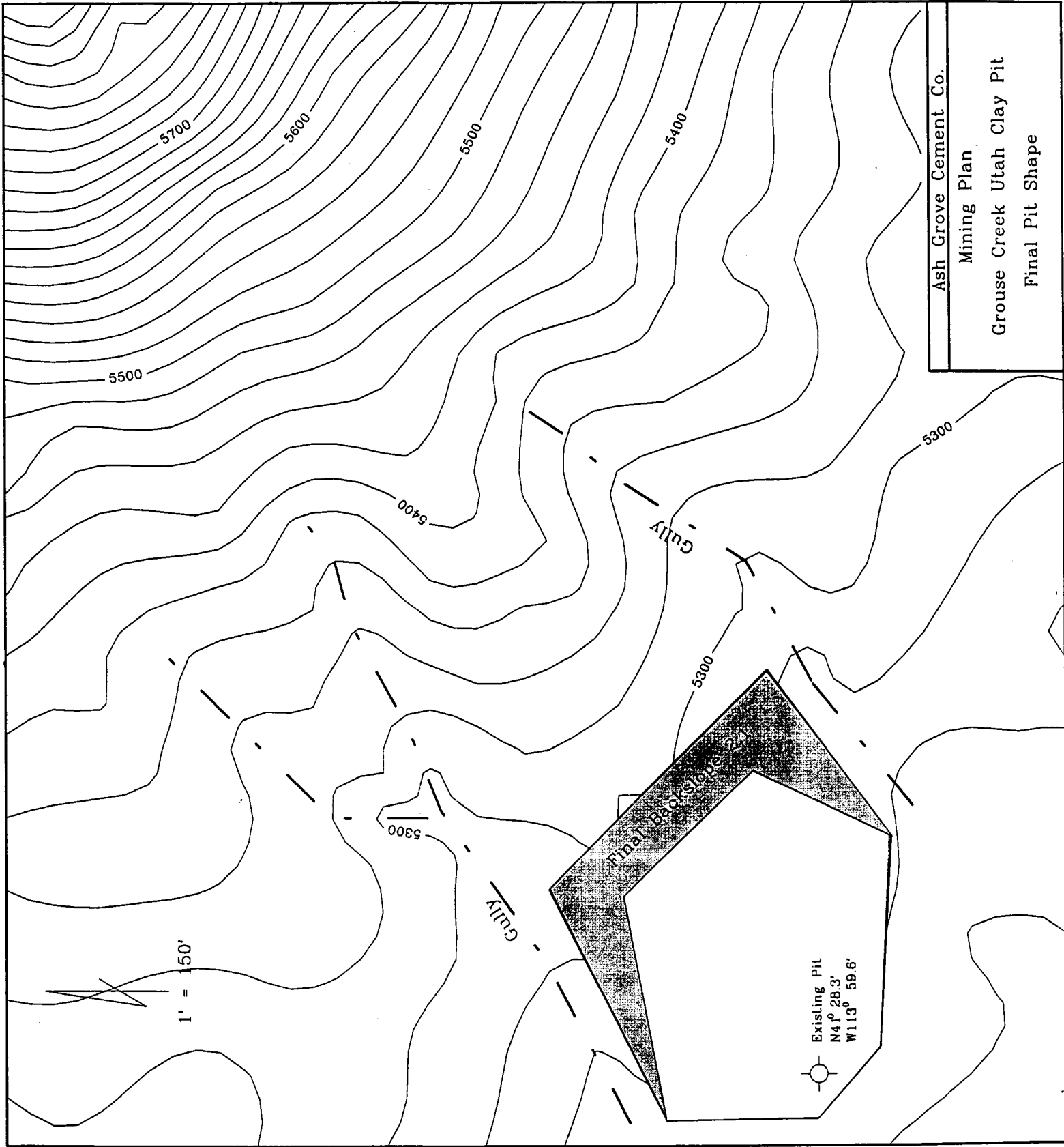
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Mining Plan

Grouse Creek Utah Clay Pit

Initial Pit Layout





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Final Pit Shape